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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SUBJECT: Project OILSTONE (Conf)

TO: Commander
Strategic Air Command
Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

1. The United States Air Force has been directed to support a highly sensitive government project under Central Intelligence Agency cognizance. Development and production of the project's weapon system has progressed to the stage where it is necessary to plan and organize the operational phase. The Central Intelligence Agency and the Chief of Staff have determined jointly a broad concept of organization for this phase.

25X1 2. You are hereby directed to establish an operational headquarters [redacted] station assignment to be determined by this Headquarters upon your recommendation. This organization will be controlled and administered, [redacted] by the Commander, Strategic Air Command. Responsibility for the direction and control of the project will remain with the Central Intelligence Agency. However, the operational control of the xxxth Air Division, which will execute the operation, will be exercised by you through the Commander, xxxth Air Division, who will be designated by you.

3. The Air Division will be manned, administered, and supported with resources drawn from your current inventory and at the expense of combat readiness, if necessary. Manning levels will be determined by you in consultation with the project Director. Certain skilled specialists required for the successful completion of this mission, and not under your control, will be filled by this Headquarters.

4. It is suggested that you confer immediately with knowledgeable personnel in the Air Staff and the Central Intelligence Agency, in order to develop an operational plan in harmony with the Concept of Organization and Delineation of Responsibilities, dated 2 July 1955, attached hereto and concurred in by the [redacted]

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5. Knowledge of this project will be kept to an absolute minimum within your command.

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TS-143285 Draft - Subject: Project OILSTONE 27 June 55, to Commander SAC
Cy 1 Prepared by AF

TS-143286 Memorandum for the Chief of Staff, 27 June 1955, signed by
1 Rec'd H.E. Talbott, Secy Air Force

TS-142557 Organization and Delineation of Responsibilities - Project
(1st version) OILSTONE, 28 July 55, Prepared by Col. Briggs, USAF

TS-103614 To: Commander SAC, Subject: Project OILSTONE, Prepared by AF
1 Cy w/2 atts "Concept of Organization & Delineation of Responsibilities
 2 July 55 and Chart.

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CONCEPT OF ORGANIZATION AND DELINEATION
OF RESPONSIBILITIES

USA25X1 1. [] - Chief of Staff, USAF. The primary responsibility at this level shall be the formulation of broad policy, to determine the implications of the project's operation on national and international policy, and to make recommendations to higher authority accordingly. Further, it shall be their joint responsibility to resolve differences that may arise at lower staff and operating levels.

USA25X1 2. [] - Chief, Air Staff Task Force (Incl 1). The primary responsibility at this level shall be the development and execution of all activities concerning the project within their own organizations; the free exchange of information; the detailed planning within their own organizations; the resolution of differences that may arise at lower echelons; and to report progress and make recommendations to their respective chiefs. The CIA Project Director shall have final authority for the approval of plans. However, in the development of such plans, he shall be responsible for their full coordination with all interested and responsible elements of the U. S. Air Force.

a. The Air Staff Task Force shall be responsible for implementing approved agreements made at this level, and shall have a full-time staff of suitable size. Administrative support shall be rendered the Task Force by a directorate yet to be determined. Appropriate Directors of the Air Staff will designate points of contact within their offices. Officers so designated will assist the Task Force as required.

USA 25X1 F b. The attached chart (Incl 2) has been developed to incorporate as many [] thoughts as possible. Each of the staff divisions, i.e., - Personnel and Administration, R&D, Materiel, Plans, - are organized as directed by the CIA Project Director. The chiefs of these divisions, and subordinate personnel, can be [] USAF, 25X1SAF
USA25X1 as desired by [] However, the Operations and Training Division shall be headed by and essentially manned with USAF personnel (80-90%).

c. All military personnel assigned to the project on permanent status shall be carried on the rolls of a newly activated support

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squadron in accordance with current procedures. Either the Deputy Project Director (USAF) or the Chief of Operations and Training Division (USAF) or a third officer could be the commander of this administrative squadron.

3. Commander, SAC. Commander, SAC, will be assigned the full responsibility for carrying out the operation in accordance with approved plans.

a. Commander, SAC, will be authorized to call on his entire organization for support of the operation.

b. Commander, SAC, will form a new subordinate headquarters, designated the xxxth Air Division, which will be manned by Commander, SAC, from resources available to him. Requirements for certain types of personnel and equipment not under his control will be stated to Headquarters USAF (the Air Staff Task Force). The Air Force will meet these requirements from other resources.

4. Field Operations. The Commanders, Test Base, Bases A, B, and C, shall be Air Force officers reporting to the Commander, xxxth Air Division. The manning and supply of these field organizations shall be the responsibility of CIA, to the extent of its capability. The U. S. Air Force will provision the organizations with personnel and equipment over and above the capability of CIA.

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